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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

The Managers of the Midnight Mission of Philadelphia, in presenting to the public their Seventh Annual Report, would acknowledge the goodness of God and His kindness during the past year. The season for doubts as to the practicability of this reformatory work has passed, and we feel that the labor is one to which the charitable may lend their earnest assistance with all confidence, for in examining the recapitulation of our doings for 7 years, it will be found that over one-half of all those admitted have been presumably benefitted, while of the others who are not included in our records in this category, some, at least, have been elevated by the influence exerted upon them while inmates of the house. It must also be remembered, that by means of tracts and meetings, the influences of the house extend to numbers of those unfortunates who do not become inmates.

STATISTICS.

The following is a statement of the year's work:

Remaining in the Home, December 31st, 1873.....15
Admitted in 1873..... 60
Placed out in situations..... 15

Restored to family	5
Placed in other Institutions	11
Left of their own accord	31
Died	1
Remaining Dec. 31st, 1874	12

Recapitulation.

Whole number in the Home during 1874	75
Of whom there were directly benefited	31
Returned to former habits (presumably)	31

Summary for Seven Years.

Received	489
Placed out in situations	220
Restored to friends	65
Sent to other Institutions	73
Total benefitted	358

By the foregoing statement it will be seen that with the increase of years, by the figures here given, nearly five hundred have been under the influences of the Mission. We can look around and see the band yearly growing larger, which has been turned, we trust, into the paths of virtue, inspiring us with confidence that the good Lord is accepting and owning our work as His, and making it a rich blessing. Much of the success of our work is to be attributed, under God, to the following up and strengthening of those who, after they leave the home, are weak.

During the past month two of our old inmates who are confined to beds of sickness, ill without hope of recovery, have been visited, and both were found rejoicing in the knowledge of sins forgiven. S———, though at times a great sufferer, expressed herself as contented, and even happy; thankful for the blessings which surround her, trusting in Jesus, saying, "The Lord's will be done." The other, H———, who has consumption, which is associated with a painful disease, sent loving messages to her old com-

panions at the Mission, and the word that she was looking to the Saviour, and wanted them to do the same. Thus, we see bread cast upon the waters found after many days, encouraging us to go forth sowing the precious seed, knowing that we shall return rejoicing, and bringing our sheaves with us. Another one, formerly a member of our family, writes: "Rest assured that I love Jesus, and would not do anything intentionally to displease Him." Our home has been full for the greater part of the year, and we could have had more inmates if we had had accommodations sufficient. This last fact is a strong argument in favor of the long-anticipated and much-desired Country Home, the fund for which is steadily increasing, and we will soon feel warranted in securing a suburban building for this purpose. The very liberal bequest of Mrs. Frances A. Lea, of $1000, has been paid into the treasury and added to the above fund, making in all $3,000. The amount necessary to justify us in purchasing and fitting up a suitable building is, say $10,000.

The usual Thursday night meetings have been continued regularly throughout the year. The Bible Class and services on Sunday nights have also been held with the inmates, attended by the most gratifying results. Envelopes have been distributed, containing tracts, directing the attention of the girls on the street to the fact that services are held on Thursday evenings, and also, that the home is open to them when they desire to abandon their sinful course of life.

The thanks of the Board of Managers are hereby extended to the Rev. Thos. A. Jaggar, D.D., Bishop elect of Southern Ohio, who delivered an able sermon at the last Anniversary meeting. We print extracts from the sermon in our report, as it points out strongly the path of duty, to Christians who think that they have no part in the work, and will well repay a careful perusal by all. Also our sincere thanks to the Ministers and Local Preachers of the M. E. Church for their earnest labors in behalf of the inmates at the home.

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Mrs. L. C. Shober.....	25	
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Mr. Rowlands.....	5	
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" Lewis.....	5	
Mrs. J. L. Harmer.....	2	50
Miss Peters.....	3	
Mrs. and Miss Tobey.....	4	
" Fogo.....	2	
Miss M. Stratton.....	1	
Mrs. Burns.....	1	
Miss Kilpatrick.....	1	
Mrs. Wiegand.....	2	
Mr. Newkirk.....	2	
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Miss Rowlands.....	5	
Mrs. Hockley.....	2	50
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" A. Hockley.....	2	00
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" Stevens.....	1	
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Mrs. Frank Lathrop	5
" George Plitt	5
Miss E. C. Brown	5
Mrs. H. Pratt McKean	10
J. C. L	5
Miss Baldwin	10
Mrs. Wm. Bacon Stevens	10

Sewing Room Cash	408 80
Income from rear Building	180 00
Total	$3,926 30

Receipts and Expenditures.

Reserve Fund invested for Country Home...		$1,500 00	House expenses, including Provisions, Salaries, Clothing, &c..		$2,347 80
Legacy of Mrs. Frances A. Lea.....		1,000 00	Taxes and Insurance..		208 46
Balance on hand Jan. 1st, 1874..	$114 59		Printing, including Annual Report, Tracts, Postage, Stationery distributing, &c.....		270 00
Bal. account Country Home.....	95 00	209 49	Improvements and Repairs to House.....		496 00
Collections for the year		3,926 30	Amount invested		3,000 00
Interest		185 50	Balance on hand.....		499 03
		$6,821 29			$6.821 29

Memorial Fund to Mrs. Wm. Bucknell, invested in building by Wm. Bucknell, Esq..... ....$5,000 00

Special Fund in hands of Mrs. R G. Stotesbury,

Mrs. J. L. Crozer.....	$100 00
Mrs. Gustavus C. Knowles.....	100 00

(*Not included in above account.*)

Donations.

For Christmas dinner, Mrs. Wm. Bacon Stevens, $5.00, Mrs. Lathrop, $1.00. For Thanksgiving dinner, Mrs. Plitt, $2.00. Balderston & Albertson, Carpenter Work, $40.56. Maull & Bro., Lumber, $50.92. J. W. & C. H. Reeves, Plastering &c., $22.88. J. H. McFetrich, Plumbing and Bath Tub. Isaac S. Williams & Co., Tin for Roof, $10.00. Bodine & Cavenaugh. and Collins West, Painting. Truman & Shaw, Hardware. Sellers & Bro.. Wire Screens. 10 Flower Pots, Mrs. J. L. Crozer. 10 Pounds Candies, Mrs. W. H. Allen. Articles of Dress, &c., Mrs. R. Stotesbury. Dresses and Clothing from Mrs. Cleveland. Mrs. Stewart, Candies and Cakes for Christmas. Wiltbank & Scattergood, Candies for New Year. Nice Books from First Day's Society. Brooms, Brushes, &c., &c., &c., from Mr. Thomas Cooper. Wm. McMullen, Jr., Currants and Raisins for Christmas. Mr. Williams, goods amounting to $[illegible].00. Bringsinghoffer, Combs and Brushes. J. M. Hall, Large Turkey for Thanksgiving. Nice assortment of Books from Porter & Coates. Earthenware from Tyndale & Mitchell, amounting to $5.00. A nice assortment of Books from Friends' Association Room, 109 N. Tenth Street. Inscho & Thomas, Candies for Christmas.

THE MIDNIGHT MISSION:

EXTRACT

From a Sermon Preached in the Church of the Holy Trinity,

On May 3rd, 1874,

BY

REV. THOMAS A. JAGGAR, D.D.

RECTOR.

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"There is joy in the presence of the Angels of God over one sinner that repenteth."—ST. LUKE, XV. 10.

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Let no man say, then, that it is a trifling thing, and worth no pains, to bring one sinner to repentance. Any man or set of men who make it their aim to do this have heaven's hearty sympathy, however the world may scorn.

They adopt a scheme, which, if it be not such as the worldly-wise approve, is after the mind and will of God. They accomplish in the rescue of a single soul a great good in His sight, though society may count it small. No difficulties ought to discourage, nor arguments obstruct, an undertaking so sublime.

You perceive the bearing of our text upon the special work which we are asked to consider to-night. It throws the divinest sanctions around it, and lends it a singular dignity. I argue from it that the Midnight Mission has the hearty approval of heaven, and ought to be carried forward in the cheerful confidence of God's blessing. It seeks to rescue and bring to repentance a class of sinners, who, from one misstep (allured and deceived, perhaps,) have plunged into the thickest toils of iniquity. Hope seems to fly when virtue falls, and society blocking up every avenue of return, the erring woman is driven to make shame her profession, and finds a refuge only in despair. Outcast from home and every pure association; walling herself in against all the saving influences of religion; permitting vice to drug her conscience and her sensibilities; she seems, indeed, to have entombed herself as hopelessly as the vaulted dead.

And then she is a woman. The very fervency of her affections and quick susceptibility of her nature react in a hardness and stolidity the more impenetrable. The qualities which make her admirable render the ruin more hopeless and sad. The rude stone ornament which is broken on your door-step may be mended, but the delicate crystal vase on your parlor mantel, with its beautiful tracery, is shattered into a hundred pieces when it falls. Can nothing be done for her? Must she be surrendered without an effort to the monster iniquity into whose jaws she has cast herself?

If no human means can reach her, the grace of God can. The church, which is the body of Christ, and ought to incarnate his spirit, is fearfully recreant to its duty if it "passes by on the other side!" He mingled *mercy* with

warning when He said to the trembling creature whose accusers He had driven out abashed: "Neither do I condemn thee; go and sin no more." He *shrank* not from the touch of the poor penitent who anointed His head and washed His feet with her tears, nor withheld the gracious words: "Thy sins be forgiven thee; go in peace." He brought hope and pardon to the outcast; and so may we. There is no depth of guilt which His grace cannot explore, and the degree of heaven's interest will be intensified in proportion to the degree of vice from which the penitent is disenthralled. The apparently inaccessible character of the evil is its strongest claim upon Christian effort. We ought to storm it the more valiantly, that we may win for heaven the richer trophies of His grace. "She to whom much is forgiven, the same loveth much." The joy of heaven swells with her love, and is most glad over those "to whom much is forgiven."

I argue further from our Lord's words, that *this Mission is not to be despised because its results are numerically small.* Its success must be estimated by the quality of the objects which it reclaims, as well as by their quantity. Let it be remembered that the mission seeks to gather *souls,* not *stones.* Who will dare to say in the light of heaven's valuation, that to have brought back during the six years of its existence, into lawful relations and pure associations, and Christian homes, nearly three hundred souls, is not a worthy and Christian work? We believe that many, even of the most depraved among those in whom God has begun a good work, will be found at the last clothed in robes made white by the blood of the Lamb, and bending low to receive the Saviour's benediction. Though only ten souls had been led to the Saviour's feet each year, that makes a harvest which heaven applauds, and men ought not to despise. For the sake of ten righteous, the judgment of the city of the plain was delayed, and who can tell what overwhelming ruin in God's fierce indignation at sin may be averted from our cities through this arm stretched out

to redeem the festering "Sodom" in our midst, and for the sake even of ten penitents? I can conceive of no measures which promise more truly efficient results. We may call in the aid of the law, and turn our homes for the fallen into prisons for the criminal, but we shall only have stamped a deeper degradation upon them. A hundred gathered in so will not be a result as profitable to God and the community as a single soul won to repentance and Christ. The law may seek to regulate and restrict the evil, as some have proposed, by license, but that will be to recognize the evil, to make it an institution, to lower the whole moral tone of the community, to gild it with a refinement whose pernicious effects have been sufficient to demonstrate.

But the figures of the Report do not tell all the results of this work. If we would sum up the whole we must bring into the estimate the influence which it has exerted in directing the attention of the Christian church to this long-ignored evil; in creating public sentiment with reference to it; in demonstrating the practicability of dealing with it, and in the moral influence of simply planting gospel homes for the penitent, in the midst of the devil's houses of shame. By no means the least part of that which the society has achieved is expressed in the words of a late report: "We believe that the experimental season of our work has passed; we may claim to show a proven and practicable work."

I argue finally from the grand saying before us, that the society's method of seeking and caring for the individual is the *divine* and *most efficient* method of accomplishing its specific ends. Sin wore a two-fold aspect in the sight of the Lord. He recognized a deep underlying and universal depravity, while the wrecks which its stormy upheavals had made, drifted by Him in the cripples, lepers, blind, oppressed and outcast, who every day moved His compassion. There was the relation of cause and effect between the moral conditions which He gave His own precious blood on

the cross to remedy, and the individual sufferings which it was His untiring effort to alleviate. He struck sin both at the root and in the fruit.

Sin wears the same double form now, and demands the like treatment. Disease, pauperism, drunkenness, prostitution, and every disorder which plagues society, are the outgrowth of moral conditions which demand the direct application of the living, saving principles of the gospel. The specific disorders, whose miserable victims everywhere cross our path, must be specifically treated. But what are the conditions which nourish the peculiar evil which we are considering to-night? Whence does this Upas tree, which is flourishing in our midst, and to whose death-breathing shade so many flock, derive its strength? Its roots are not all centred in the poor souls who, often more sinned against than sinning, clothe it with their fascinations. They spread far and wide, and find in the prevailing worldliness of the times a *congenial soil.* They reach to households, whose extravagance and vain display create an envious rivalry, where fashion and pleasure are the ruling gods, and religious principle has no place. They reach to brilliant parlors, where the flowing wine inflames, and shameful dances and immodest apparel are actually tolerated. They reach to the factory and the shop, where avarice combines often with villainy, to drive the poor sewing girl to desperation; where

> "Its oh! to be a slave,
> Along with the barbarous Turk,
> Where a woman has never a *soul* to *save*
> If *this* is Christian work!"

They gather strength from a literature which distils poison in honied phrases, and hides the serpent's fang under its lily forms; which flaunts itself at every corner in pictorials which draw crowds to the windows as flies flock to corruption. They are nourished by sentiments which lessen the sanctity of the marriage tie, dishonor motherhood, and

disorganize the family. They are fed by the smiles and silly admiration which virtuous women bestow upon well-dressed profligates, whose flattery covers insult, and whose sentence should be banishment. These may seem harsh statements, but they are none the less true. They indicate conditions which must be met by the *Pulpit* in a more distinct assertion and fearless application of the principles of *Christ*—by *the Press* in sustaining the same high principles, and arousing a public sentiment which shall frown upon immodesty in the daughters of the respectable, as well as in the children of crime; which shall denounce the villain as strongly as his victim, though he be worth his millions, and dance ever so gracefully; *by professing Christians* in the protest of consistent lives, and righteous examples; and by children trained, not to shine in the world, but to love their God and their home.

When, however, we have addressed ourselves to these conditions, we have not helped the poor creature already fallen, out there in the dark street—

> "Dealing in shame for a morsel of bread,
> Hating the living, and fearing the dead."

Shall we leave her to perish in the flames, while we devote ourselves to putting out the fire? I say it was Christ's own method to rescue the individual sufferer, as well as to die for the universal guilt. The Midnight Mission humbly follows in His steps, and goes out into the night to seek and to save the lost. The Church will have done but half its duty if it neglects this side of the work. The evil we deplore must be invaded on *all* sides. The conditions which induce it, by the power of the Divine Spirit through the preaching of the Word—its immediate victims, by the special outreaching of Christian solicitude to snatch them as brands from the burning.

We claim for the Mission, therefore, a larger and more liberal sympathy. If angels are interested, even to joy, in the repentance of a single sinner, surely you, who call

yourselves Christians, ought to be concerned for those who "are ready to die." Oh! I am thinking of the perilous ways in which girlish feet are this moment innocently treading! I am thinking of the minions of Satan who are at work in our great cities, and the hellish arts which are being devised this very hour to entrap and deceive! I am thinking of the many hands which are reached out invitingly from scenes of treacherous enchantment, and of the glittering promises and lures of false affection which bewilder. I have heard of the adventurous traveler, losing his foothold among the snowy wilds of the Alps, and sliding, sliding, sliding down the icy slope where there was nothing to clutch at, nothing to break the fearful onrush; only a smooth, glittering, mocking surface—until the brink of the precipice was reached, and then came the fearful plunge! Oh, ye men and women who are at ease, thousands of young girls are standing on the slippery edge of a worse fate; and thousands have slipped and are rushing by your door, down to the abyss. Shall no hands be stretched forth to save? Shall no love of *Jesus* plead, no true Christian affection strive to win the wanderer back? Shall Satan plot to destroy innocence, and shall we—in God's name I ask—with the Gospel in our hands, arrange no schemes to wrest it from his grasp? Is the utmost you can give either of money or toil too much to pay for one of those unhappy spirits, drifting on to suicide and woe in your streets? Oh, you can pay out hundreds for works of art and home luxuries, which will command the admiration of your friends; will you not give as much for a treasure which shall make God and angels glad? For there is "joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth."

NOTICE

If any person will inform any of the Managers of the fact of a Girl being detained in a House of Ill-fame against her will, means will be taken for her rescue.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath.....Dollars to the "Midnight Mission," established in the City of Philadelphia, and incorporated in the year 1871.

Form of Devise of Real Estate.

I give and devise to the "Midnight Mission," established in the City of Philadelphia, and incorporated in the year 1871, all that (here describe the property) for them to use and dispose of in any manner that will promote the object and interest of the said Midnight Mission.

Extract from Laws of Pennsylvania.

By Act of Assembly of 26th of April, 1855, a devise or bequest to charitable uses is void, unless it be done by will, and attested by two credible and disinterested witnesses, at least THIRTY (30) DAYS *before the death of the testator.*